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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 16

1. NYT (5) DREW MIDDLETON REPORTS THE UNDETECTED FINAL APPROACH OF THE VAGRANT SOVIET MIG-25 TO JAPAN HAS BROUGHT HOME TO GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN TOKYO THE LOOPHOLES IN THE COUNTRY'S AIR OEFENSE.

2. NYT (9) UPI FROM MOSCOW SAYS SOVIETS AGAIN ACCUSE JAPAN OF DISREGARDING INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE MIG INCIDENT. ALSO WP.

3. NYT (21) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS RUSSIANS PUT TWO MEN INTO ORBIT OF THE EARTH. ALSO, SUN, WP, STAR.

4. NYT (OBIT) REPORTS DEATH OF JAN REIVE, LATVIAN FARM SCIENTIST WHO WAS PRIME MINISTER OF SOVIET LATVIA FROM 1959 TO 1962.

5. WP (20) BRIEF REUTERS ITEM REPORTS TASS COMMENTARY THAT WARNED JAPAN THAT IF IT PURSUED ITS CLAIMS TO FOU SOVIET-HELD PACIFIC ISLANDS, THIS COULD ONLY POISON

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6. STAR (7) BRIEF ITEM FROM ELIZABETH, N.J. REPORTS EXTERNAL EXPLOSION CAUSES MINIMAL DAMAGE TO SOVIET SHIP DOCKED THERE AS ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBAN ORGANIZATION CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLAST.

7. CSM (1) ROSS MUNRO FROM PEKING REPORTS THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS SIGNALING THE SOVIET UNION THAT IT CANNOT EXPECT ANY SOFTENING IN CHINA'S ANTI-SOVIET STAND NOW THAT MAO IS DEAD.

8. CSM (1) DAVID WILLIS SAYS WESTERN ANALYSTS IN MOSCOW SUM UP MOSCOW'S ANGRY BLAST OF CRITICISM AIMED AT WASHINGTON AND TOKYO OVER MIG INCIDENT AS REFLECTING A NEW SETBACK FOR DETENTE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON -- THE WORST DIPLOMATIC CLASH BETWEEN MOSCOW AND TOKYO FOR YEARS -- AND AN INDICATION OF HOW DEEPLY THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN UPSET BY THREE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED DEFECTIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

9. CSM (2) NEWS BRIEFLY NOTED REPORTS FROMMOSCOW NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC WOWS MOSCOW CROWD. ROBINSON

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